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- (b) why at Irritti the construction of the new bridge was abandoned ;
- (c) whether the old bridge at Irritti has been restored, and if so, whether it is strong for all class of load appertaining to this particular road having particular regard to the growing heavy motor and other traffic on this road ; and
- (d) whether the old bridge has been restored to its original strength and if not, why not ?

A.—The Government have approved of the construction of a new bridge at Kattupazha. Tenders for a reinforced concrete bridge have been received by the Chief Engineer and the Government hope to receive from him shortly revised plans and estimates for the work. It is not now proposed to reconstruct the Irritti bridge as the Chief Engineer has reported that the damaged bridge has been restored at a small cost to its original carrying capacity. The Government have agreed with the Chief Engineer that it is unnecessary to increase the carrying capacity of this bridge while other bridges on the Tellicherry-Coorg road which are capable of carrying only a lighter load remain as they are.

### Religious and Charitable Endowments

#### *Wakf properties in this Presidency.*

\* 206 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are many wakf properties in the Madras Presidency and that many of them are mismanaged ;
- (b) whether the Government propose to bring into force all the provisions of the Mussalman Wakf Act No. XLII of 1923 in this province ; and
- (c) if so, when and if not, why not ?

A.—(a) There are several wakf properties in Madras Presidency, some of which, the Government understand, are not properly managed.

(b) & (c) The question is under the consideration of the Government.

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—“ May I know how long the Government will take to consider and decide this simple question of introducing the provisions of the Mussalman Wakf Act of 1923 in this province ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Evidently, Sir, some of the members to whom I have addressed a communication on this matter do not find it so easy, and I have not yet received replies from my hon. Colleagues to whom I have referred these matters. As soon as I receive their replies, I will certainly be in a position to take any further action that may be necessary in the matter.”

#### *Assent of His Excellency the Viceroy to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.*

\* 207 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Hindu Religious Endowments Act has not been assented to by His Excellency the Viceroy ; and